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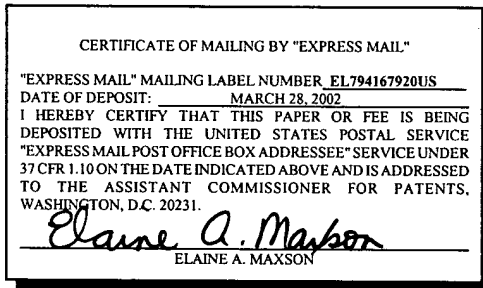
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, kindly enter the following

Preliminary Amendment before examining the application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, as the first paragraph following the title, insert the following:

--Related/Priority Applications

N¹ This application claims priority with respect to International Application No.
PCT/GB00/03703, filed September 27, 2000 and British Application No. 9923266.2, filed
October 2, 1999.--

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the following Abstract which is also provided on a separate sheet enclosed
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